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RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR PONDICHERRY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that the four regions of the Union Territory of Pondicherry are not linked with railway;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have undertaken some projects pertaining to Pondicherry;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress of work done so far on each project;

(d) the total expenditure incurred on each project, till date; and

(e) the time schedules fixed for completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) : Pondicherry Union Territory consists of Pondicherry, Mahe, Karaikal and Yanam. Rail link to Pondicherry and Mahe are already existing and works have been taken up to provide rail link to Karaikal. There is no proposal to provide rail link to Yanam.

(b) to (d): The work of gauge conversion of Tiruchcbirappalli-Thanjavur-Nagore with extension to Karaikal has been taken up where work on Tiruchchirappalli-Thanjavur has already been completed and gauge conversion work upto Tiruvarur is targeted for completion during 2005-06, Expenditure of Rs. 137.76 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.3.2005.

(e): No target is fixed for providing rail link to Karaikal.